

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

SPECIAL ORDER NO. 25

October 14, 2000

**SUBJECT: DEATH NOTIFICATIONS TO THE BOARD OF CORRECTIONS**

**PURPOSE:** On January 21, 2000, the State of California Board of Corrections staff conducted a technical assistance audit of an Area's temporary holding facility to determine compliance with minimum standards for juvenile detention. In order to be in full compliance with state regulations and statutes, it was recommended that the Department adjust its notification procedure in the event of an in-custody death of a juvenile. This Order amends the notification process following an in-custody death of a juvenile.

**PROCEDURE:** Effective immediately, in addition to the existing notification procedures, the Commanding Officer, Robbery Homicide Division (RHD), shall notify the State of California Board of Corrections in writing within ten calendar days of the occurrence of each in-custody death of a detained juvenile. The notification shall include the appropriate information relating to the death.

When reviewing in-custody deaths of juveniles, the Chair of the Use of Force Review Board shall ensure that RHD has made the proper notification to the State of California Board of Corrections.

**AMENDMENTS:** This Order amends Section 4/238.35 of the Department Manual.

**AUDIT RESPONSIBILITY:** The Commanding Officer, Detective Services Group, shall monitor compliance with this directive in accordance with Department Manual Section 0/080.30.



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